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JP2002-28121 discloses in the vacuum cleaner, a lid body 3 covering the top of a case body 2 for supporting the lower part of a dust collection part 9 and storing a motor fan 6 is mounted in the case body 2 in such a way that the top of the dust collection part 9 and the top of the case body 2 can be opened. A suction part 61, which a hose is connected to and a connector 91 is disposed on, is mounted on the upper front part of the lid body 3, and a handle means whose top is continued to the suction part 61 is mounted on the lid body 3. A lead wire 90 is wired to run from a circuit chamber 21 inside the case body 2 through the handle means 85 via a hinge part to be connected to the connector 91, and a display means 89 connected to the lead wire 90 is mounted at the top of the handle means 85. Therefore, by utilizing the handle means 85, the separate wiring space is not necessary, so that the structure can be simplified and the size and weight of the vacuum cleaner can be reduced, improving the manufacturing efficiency.

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DE 199 43 190 discloses a vacuum cleaner (1) has housing (5) divided into front dust collection space with hinged cover (8) and rear housing space with suction fan with electronic rev control, cable drum for electrical lead cable and electrical terminals for electric brush socket (21) incorporated in hinged cover. Electrical conductors between brush socket and brush socket terminals are fed to cover via pivot hinge (7).

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